

**DODGE COUNTY
JUDICIAL AND PUBLIC PROTECTION COMMITTEE MEETING
March 2, 2018**

Call to order: Meeting was called to order by Chair, MaryAnn Miller, at 8:00 a.m.; a quorum was established with the following members present:

MaryAnn Miller
Dan Hilbert - excused
Larry Bischoff
Thomas Nickel
Larry Schraufnagel

Also Present: Steven Bauer, Circuit Court Judge; Joseph Sciascia, Circuit Court Judge; Lynn Hron, Clerk of Courts; Kurt Klomberg, District Attorney; Bob Barrington, District Attorney Managing Attorney; Bernie Mueller, Child Support Agency; Dale Schmidt, Dodge County Sheriff; Scott Mittelstadt, Chief Deputy, Sheriff's Office; Patrick Schoebel, Medical Examiner; Brooke Kaat, Deputy Medical Examiner; Kira Sheahan-Malloy, District 27 County Board Member; Barb Brandt, Br. 4 Judicial Assistant.

Miller certifies compliance with the Open Meeting Law.

Approval of Agenda and Allow for Deviation: Motion made by Nickel to approve Agenda and to allow for deviation; second by Bischoff. Motion carried.

Public Comment: None

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Nickel to approve Minutes as amended of February 2, 2018; second by Schraufnagel. Motion carried.

Communications: None

Announcements: Chair MaryAnn Miller reported that Student Government Day yesterday went well.

Circuit Court/Judge's Report: None – Judge Bauer gave the informational presentation at today's meeting.

Clerk of Courts Report: None

Child Support Report: Bernie reports that the Child Support Agency is looking to go paperless. There is a committee in her office working toward conversion from paper, and that this is just the start for this project. She is getting estimates this year and will see what kind of work needs to be done to make this happen. She reported that there is a back-up redundancy with "copies" being stored in multiple locations.

District Attorney Report: DA Klomberg gave a status of a legislative bill which would increase the number of prosecutors, with the Dodge DA office getting an additional prosecutor. Area counties would also be getting additional staff which will benefit public safety for the region. This has gone through the Assembly but there is an issue with the Senate at this time. Kurt encouraged the Committee to contact their State Senators and ask the County Association to be invited to encourage the Senate to pass this legislation. This should come up for a vote in 2 weeks. He pointed out that this is a State cost and

not a county cost. Kurt further gave the history of district attorneys previously being county employees and the advantage of the current state employee system. Bob Barrington also added that regarding costs, the State currently pays for all of the technology (computers and data storage) for all staff.

Bob further reported on the Spillman update. He thinks an upcoming update will take care of the issues and hopefully next month he can report that all issues have been resolved.

Bob gave a history of how juvenile offenses have been processed. Social workers have been allowed to place juveniles into secure detention for up to 72 hours. Dodge County uses Washington County Secure Juvenile facility as Dodge County does not have the ability to hold juveniles. He pointed out that juvenile charges have gone way down he feels because of the diversion programs. Bob also explained the difference between adult and juvenile sentencings.

The Resolution regarding juvenile justice options is a joint resolution with the Dodge County District Attorney's office and Dodge County Human Services. This would take advantage of programming offered in other counties as opposed to holding juveniles in a State facility like Lincoln Hills. Schraufnagel moved to authorize this resolution with a second by Nickel. After further discussion and questions by the Committee, and being pointed out that this Resolution will also go to the Human Services Committee, the motion carried.

Medical Examiner Report: ME Schoebel reported that he authored an article that was published in the Wisconsin County magazine.

PJ's office is no longer using Fond du Lac County for autopsy services and is instead going to Milwaukee County. He has worked with staff there and has been happy with that office. This switch took place on February 1, 2018.

PJ also reported that he had received a request from a student to shadow both he and Brooke and that student will also be helping with some paperwork. That student will work with complete confidentiality and no case information will be shared with them.

The 2017 annual report was shared and PJ gave a summary of the year although not all the final results have been received. There was also a summary given of the last 5 years. The increase noted was that burial for deaths was approaching 50%, so that really adds to his office's work load.

Sheriff Office Report: Sheriff Schmidt reported that although there has been one traffic fatality this year, there weren't any in February.

The Sheriff's Office continues to find different procedures for Spillman and his office is continuing training. Spillman continues to be very good to work with getting issues worked out.

The Sheriff reported that a new deputy has been hired along with several correctional officers. His office is still working on sergeant and detective hires because they are still under the Civil Service procedure and the hiring process takes longer. He noted that a lot of people are not able to make it through the process because of their background checks.

Regarding the possibility of a jail expansion, the Sheriff's Office is still putting together numbers on costs of J Pod per inmate. The next step will be an independent review and the costs and numbers, and the Sheriff anticipated that this will be done in the next couple of weeks. He hopes to have an initial presentation by May so that the decision to build or not to build could be made in June. This would be within the time frame to be able to make budgetary decisions. All of this information would be placed in a Resolution that would go to this Judicial and Public Protection Committee and to the Building Committee. He did not anticipate that a training facility would be budgeted for at this time as this will be phased in at some time in the future.

The Explorers will be attending the National Conference to take place this year in July at Purdue University, and the Sheriff will keep the Committee up to date on how they do.

The Dodge County Executive Law Enforcement Association Awards banquet was held recently. Chair Miller was in attendance at that. Scott Smith was recognized on his retirement.

Deputies currently carry Narcan and have been taught how to administer it if needed to their K9's.

Other business: Judge Bauer started today's meeting with a presentation regarding sentencing. A sentencing is based on the severity of the offense. Judges take into account a Pre-Sentence Investigation from the Department of Corrections that includes background information, history and victim statements along with a COMPAS assessment of the offender risk. There is a cost/benefit analysis that looks to maximize benefits over the costs of possible incarceration. Judges also take into account protection of the public. The Judge went over statute requirements/guidelines for sentencing. Judges also have to be concerned that the sentencing is appropriate for what others in the public feel is necessary. Rehabilitation needs of the defendant are also part of the sentencing decision. There is also a retribution component for any victim. These retribution components, deterrence factors, restitution and costs all are taken into account.

There may also be plea agreements that a judge may be asked to approve that dispose of a case before a trial.

Comments were also made by Judge Sciascia and DA Klomberg.

Next Meeting: Friday, April 6, 2018 at 8:00 a.m. at the Dodge County Justice Facility.

Adjournment: Motion by Nickel to adjourn meeting; second by Bischoff. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:38 a.m..

Disclaimer: The above minutes may be approved, amended or corrected at the next committee meeting.

Larry Schraufnagel, Secretary

Barbara N. Brandt, Recording Secretary